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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Finstervalde Airfield

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1. Between 3 November 1954 and 2 January 1955, no military activity was observed at Dabern-Gahro artillery range. The field was still unoccupied.
2. On 10, 17, 23 and 29 November 1954, no air activity was observed at the field and no aircraft were parked there. The weather usually was unfavorable. On 14 December, intensive air activity started at 1330. Individual MiG-15s took off at intervals of 5 minutes and made local flights of about 10 minutes duration. Turns and banks were being practiced. At about 1600, air activity was still going on. On 20 December, no air activity was conducted. The weather was rainy. Only individual sections of the airfield could be seen at any one time because the surface of the field was not level but banked. During air activity, it was not possible to find a place of observation from where the southern taxiway and the hangars could be seen. No sentries were observed.
3. Five 37-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement south of the Nehesdorf-Schacksdorf road on 10 November and 7 x 37-mm AA guns on 14 December.

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1. Comment. The former German airfield at Dabern-Gahro, north of Finsterwalde, is used for aerial firing practices. 25X1
2. Comment. Retraining activity by pilots of the Southern GA Div has apparently not yet been terminated. 25X1
3. Comment. The AA gun emplacement has been known for a long period. It is located north of the western end of the runway and south of the Nehesdorf-Schacksdorf road. 25X1
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